

## **CONVENTION & ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES**

The Mission Statement of the Convention and Entertainment Facilities Department (CEFD) is to offer services and facilities that perform as economic generators, provide destinations and venues that attract visitors and Houstonians and promote and strengthen the cultural fabric of Houston. In order to fulfill that mission CEFD continually assesses its facilities with a strategy that seeks to keep them in first class condition, promote safety, reduce maintenance and operation costs and extend the useful life of the facilities.

Long-range and short-term planning strategies are used to evaluate and prioritize projects to accomplish these improvements. The highest priority projects are included in the 6-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

The FY2008-2013 CEFD Improvements program totals \$2.7 million and is primarily funded with operating revenues. Projects funded in the CIP include renovations, enhancements, repairs and refurbishment of existing facilities. Chief among these are the structural and waterproofing repairs in the Theater District garage; Storm Worthiness upgrades at CEFD operated facilities; GRB kitchen improvements; Wortham Center façade illumination; and new fixed seating at Talento Bilingue de Houston.

The completion of these projects helps CEFD better fulfill its public service mission while helping to preserve and enhance the physical assets.